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TO AMEMBASSY SANTO DOMINGO

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PLOS, EFIS, DR, RQ

SUBJECT: U.S.-DR MARITIME BOUNDARY/FISHERIES NEGOTIATION

REF: (A) SANTO DOMINGO 4790, (B) STATE 046502

1. GREATLY APPRECIATE ANALYSIS AND SUGGESTIONS PROVIDED  
REFTEL.

2. DEPARTMENT AGREES THAT MARITIME BOUNDARIES/FISHERIES  
QUESTION IS A PRIORITY PENDING ISSUE IN US/DR RELATIONS.  
WE ALSO AGREE (PARA 5 REF A) THAT WE SHOULD SOLICIT A FIRM  
POSITION FROM SAN JUAN BEFORE PROPOSING RESUMPTION OF  
NEGOTIATIONS, AND WE WOULD ENDORSE TULL VISIT FOR THAT  
PURPOSE.

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3. TIMING, HOWEVER, IS COMPLICATED BY CURRENT PUERTO  
RICO DEBATE IN COMMITTEE OF 24. SINCE PUERTO RICANS NOW  
ARE UNLIKELY TO FOCUS ON ISSUE, WE CONCUR WITH AN APPROACH  
ALONG LINES OF PARA 7 REF A FOLLOWING CONCLUSION OF  
DEBATE. REQUEST THAT YOU SUBSTITUTE DOMINICAN 200 MILE  
FISHERY ZONE FOR EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE IN PROPOSED LETTER

(U.S. DOES NOT RECOGNIZE 200 MILE EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONES).

4. ALSO REQUEST THAT DEPARTMENT BE NOTIFIED PRIOR TO ANY

FORTHCOMING VISIT TO PUERTO RICO BY TULL. IT MAY BE  
USEFUL FOR DEPARTMENT TO MAKE COORDINATED APPROACH TO  
PUERTO RICAN REPS IN WASHINGTON AT THAT TIME. ALSO,  
DEPENDING ON TIMING, IT MAY BE USEFUL FOR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICER FAMILIAR WITH GENERAL U.S. FISHERY AND BOUNDARY  
POLICIES TO ACCOMPANY TULL.

5. RE PARA 4 OF REF A, DEPARTMENT'S POSITION ON  
RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN BOUNDARY AND VIEQUES ISSUES AS STATED  
REF B IS UNCHANGED. CHRISTOPHER

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